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In re Application of:

Jun Kawaguchi

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Sir:

COMMUNICATION AFTER ALLOWANCE PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.312

Applicants received a Notice of Allowance dated March 24, 2004 acknowledging applicants' claim for foreign priority but that none of the certified copies of the priority documents had been received in the national stage application. Applicants attach herewith a copy of the "Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document" received from the International Bureau during the international stage of this application as evidence that the priority document was received in the United States Receiving Office. Applicants respectfully assert that the Examiner's indication that the priority documents were not received is in error.

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Accordingly, Applicants do not believe anything further is required and respectfully request that this application proceed to issue without delay. Nevertheless, should the Office determine that further information is required, Applicants stand ready to provide any information the office may deem necessary.

Date: March 24, 2004

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